IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10, 18, and 25, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 11, and 19 in "clean" format, as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of distributing data to a user over a network, comprising the steps of:

inputting data stored in a device provided and returned by a user;

storing said data in a server computer connected to said network in association with a uniquely assigned address; and

transmitting said data to a terminal connected to said network when the user accesses said server computer from the terminal using said address,

wherein said device is a digital camera for rent.

11. (Amended) A system for distributing data to a user via a network, comprising:

data input means for inputting data stored in a device provided and returned by a user;

storage means connected to said network for storing said data in association with a uniquely assigned address; and

processing means for searching said data stored in said storage means in response to an access by the user using said address and transmitting said data via said network to a terminal employed by the user,

wherein said device is a digital camera for rent.

19. (Amended) An apparatus for distributing data to a user via a network, comprising:

means for storing data previously stored in a device provided and returned by a user, in association with a uniquely assigned address; and

means for receiving a data request using uniquely assigned said address and transmitting said data via said network to a terminal operated by the user,

wherein said device is a digital camera for rent.